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ENHANCE GROWTH RATE IN AGRICULTURE INFRASTRUCTURE SECTOR .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has initiated plan to enhance the growth rate in agriculture sector and basic infrastructure sector;

(b) If so, the details thereof including the growth rate in these sectors during the last five years till date; and

(c) The details of the action plan to enhance the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (c): Plans to enhance the growth rate of agriculture sector and basic infrastructure are contained in the Five Year Plans. Presently, the directions given in the Tenth Five Year Plan and the Mid-Term Appraisal to the Tenth Plan are being followed. Both these documents are available in the Parliament Library. The Eleventh Five Year Plan covering the period 2007- 08 to 2011-12 has not been formulated.

The growth rate in the agriculture sector and basic infrastructure during the last five years as per the National Income Accounts brought out by the Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation are given in the table below:-

Growth Rate in Agriculture and Basic Infrastructure Sectors
(at constant prices, 1999-2000 Base Year)

Sector	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Agriculture	0.0	6.2	-6.9	10.0	0.7
Infrastructure					
i) Elect.Gas & Water Supply	2.0	1.7	4.8	4.8	4.3
ii) Construction	6.1	4.0	7.7	10.9	12.5
iii) Railways	4.1	7.4	6.1	5.0	7.2
iv) Transport by other means	7.7	4.0	10.3	11.9	12.6
v) Storage	6.1	0.6	-4.4	5.4	2.0
vi) Communication	26.9	19.5	25.7	26.0	21.3

Note: `Construction` is included in infrastructure since construction of roads etc. is accounted under this head.